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ALARM

FROM THE

SPIRIT of LIFE

Through an Inhabitant of the

City of GOD

TO ALL

The Inhabitants of the Earth.

But most especially,

To the RULERS and Inhabitants of the CITY

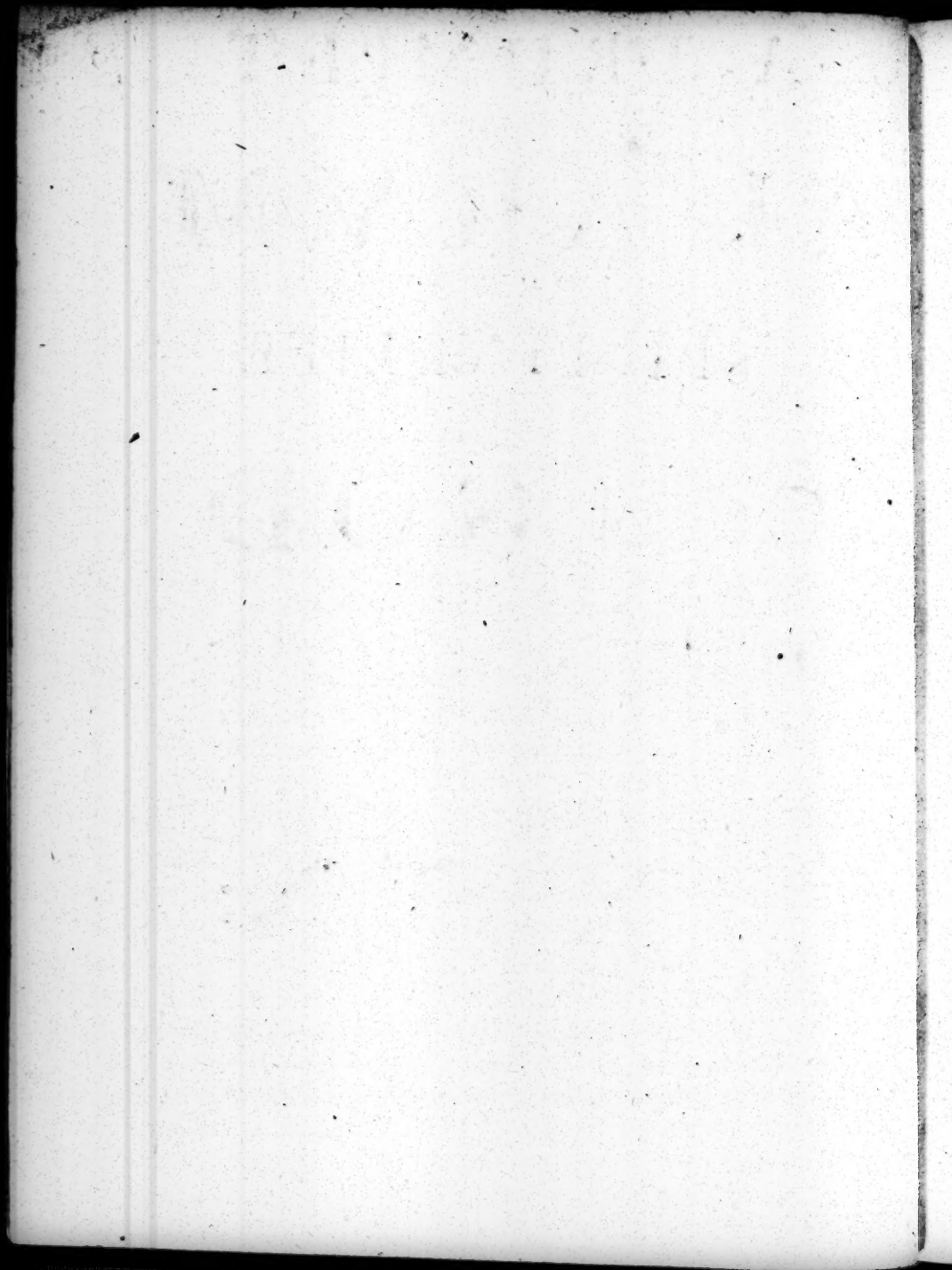
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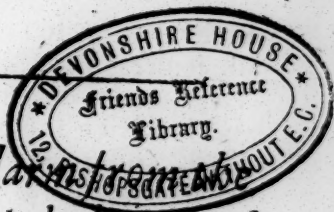
EXON:

TO THE END,

The dead may be raised, the deaf hear, the dumb speak,
the lame walk, and the unclean spirit cast out, and the
poor receive the Gospel.

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*A Trumpet, sounding an Alarm from the
Spirit of Life, through an inhabitant of
the City of God, to all the inhabitants
of the Earth, &c.*

A Wake, awake, arise, arise, prepare, prepare, all you who are in, and under sin; death and darkness have power over you; Oh! come away (stay not) to meet the Lord of Life (who is a Spirit) by fasting, weeping and mourning, who is come and coming to judge the quick and the dead, and this is the glad tidings of the Gospel, which is the cross of Christ, the power of God, that convinceth, condemneth and judgeth sin in your mortal flesh. Tremble and fear, and come down all you proud, high and lofty, ambitious, wanton sons and daughters of men; you that live in pleasures, are dead while you live, and cut off from the Land of the living, except you speedily repent and forsake all your abominations, by which you have provoked the Lord to pour down his judgments upon you. Oh! alas, alas, I am filled with the sense of the wrath, anger and indignation of the Lord of Hosts, whose dreadful day is at hand: Oh! howle and lament, waile and weep bitterly, bow down, put your mouths in the dust, renounce off your filthy, polluted Harlots attire, and cloath you with sackcloth, and wallow in ashes, for *Sodom's* sins are multiplied in and amongst you, and you are covered with a cloud of error, and the ignorance of *Nineveh* hath overshadowed you, who are wise to do evil, but to do good you know not how and whilst you profess God, Christ, Faith and Scripture, you perish for want of the knowledge of God, Christ, Faith and

Scriptures. And Friends, this is the Word of the Lord to you all, Rulers, Judges, and all Officers, Bishops, Deans, Chapters, Curates, Priests, and all people small and great, high and low, rich and poor, bond and free, Except you return unto, and believe in the true Light of Jesus Christ the Son of the living God, you wil perish and dye, and never enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Oh! come down ye uncircumcised in heart and ears, and lend an ear to hear him who is the good Shepherd, and the Light of the World, that lighteth every man that cometh into the World; for it is he onely who destroyeth him that hath the power of death (which is the Devil), who is the new and living way to God out of the fall and separation which sin hath made between you and God, which you all are in until you return to him, believe in, and follow him, Friends, this is no new nor strange thing but to them that are alienated from the life and knowledge of God. Oh! Rebel no longer against the light, as the generation of old did in *Job's* days, who said, *God depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of thy wayes*; for it is the true Light that shineth in your dark hearts, which you in the darkness cannot comprehend, till you receive, and love it, and are led by it, that must bring you all to the knowledge of God and his wayes, if ever you come to know it; *for there is no man that knoweth the Father save the Son, and he to whom the Son shall reveal him*; and this revelation or inspiration giveth to all mankind that receive it, and wait in it, a right understanding, to know him that is true, the beginning of the Creation of God. Oh Friends! consider betime, who say you believe in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; What are you come to witness of the power and coming of Jesus Christ the holy and the just one? And what comfort have you in the Holy Ghost in your own particulars? Is the Devil's Work destroyed in you, which is the cause of God's Wrath and Indignation? these branches as followeth, (which sprung from the seed of the Serpent, and is brought forth by the Dragons power, and encouraged by the Whore and Beast) Murder, VVhoredom, Theft, Swearing, Lying, Cursing, Drunkenness, Covetousness, Pride, Idolatry, Hereſie, Sedition, Strife, Envy, Fighting, Cheating, Cozening

zening, defrauding one another, greedily following lust, in Bull-baiting, Cock-fighting, Hunting, Card-playing, Dice, Stage-plays, and other vain and ungodly practices, which are all the Works of the flesh, brought forth under the power of death and darkness: Oh Friends! if these things be not destroyed in you by the power and coming of Jesus Christ, you are without salvation by him, or comfort by the Holy Ghost, and dead to God, and crucifie Christ afresh, and alive in your sins, posting on in the broad way, and are near destruction, whose portion is the Lake that burneth with fire and brimstone: Oh! lament and bow down you tall Cedars, repent and forsake your sins, for the great and terrible day of the Lord God hasteneth; yea, in the Name and Fear of the Lord I proclaim it to you all, it is near at hand, a Day of fierce wrath, blackness and thick darkness, distress, gloominess and desolation, is swiftly and irresistably coming upon all the wicked and ungodly, that hate reproof, and make a mock at sin, and will not take counsel of the Spirit of Life which hath long striven with you; then you that are strong and mighty, and trust in the arm of flesh, and carnal Weapons, Swords, Guns, Clubs and Staves; Oh! alas, alas, then fear, terror, weakness, amazement and astonishment shall seize upon you all, and the carnal Weapons of every evil-doer shall be turned against his fellow; then shall the Kings of the Earth, the great men and the mighty men, the rich men and the chiefe Captains, cry unto the Rocks and to the Mountains to fall upon them, and the clefts of the Rocks to hide them from the Wrath of the Lord, and of the Lamb, whom your forefathers with bloody hands crucified and killed the Prince of Life, and you their children are treading in the same steps, by shedding the blood, and persecuting the Saints and faithful followers of Jesus Christ; therefore you shall have blood to drink, and the cup of fury, wrath and indignation, must be poured forth upon you without mixture, if you repent not, and turn from all the evil of your ways, Oh Friends! why will you dye? come to the beginning of the new Creation of God, and encline your ear to hear the saving Light of Christ, the faithful and true Witness of God which he hath placed in your consciences,

ces, which never consented to your evil, and trust not in ly^ging vanities or precepts from the false Prophets, who have built you up in vain hopes, and have long cryed peace unto you, whilst the sword of the Lord hath reached unto your souls, and promise you life and salvation by Christ after this life; be it known unto you all, you have no assurance of life, peace, or salvation by Jesus Christ, until you are led by him, & saved from your sins, which was (before-mentioned) branched forth in many particulars.

So all come to the Witness of God in your consciences, that will give you all a true and a certain evidence whether you are in the way of life or death, the strait or the broad, and if the witness of God in your consciences condemn you, you are not saved nor justified. Oh! Return, return to the true Light that will discover the secrets of your evil corrupted hearts, and the sin and evil which is conceived in the Womb of darkness, and receive, believe in, and follow it's manifestation, that by it you may be led out of sin, death and darkness; that's the way to peace, rest, and assurance of eternal life; for in him who is the Light of the world; Life and Immortality dwells, and you cannot, nor shall not find it in any other way. Oh! Rebel no longer against that Spirit which hath, and doth reprove you in secret for your evil deeds, but receive its reproof, that your sins may be mortified; this is the Spirit of God that is freely given unto you that you should profit by it. And Friends, consider, if you are not led by his Spirit to true repentance, love, goodness, godliness, holiness, purity, soberness, charity, meekness, you are not the children of God, though you may call God your Father, who is indeed the Father of the faithful and upright in heart, because you have lost your first state, and are enemies to God by reason of wicked works, and are not reconciled by Christ, and redeemed out of the fall, and renewed again in his Image, but are led by the spirit of Antichrist, which hath reigned over all the world since the dayes of Christ and his Apostles, in the dark night of Apostacy, and great perversion from the right way; this spirit cryes damnable Doctrine; the whole world hath been deceived with shadows without the substance; death hath been
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set up instead of life, the form of godliness without the power thereof. Oh! why will you alwayes go astray? Will you never think upon your latter end? Except you live the life of righteousness, you cannot be blessed in your death: Oh! seek no longer the living among the dead, for that which may be known of God is manifested in you; the time of this great ignorance God winked at; but now he calleth all men every where to repentance, because he hath appointed a day in which he wil judg the world in righteousness by that man Christ, who hath convinced you of your unrighteousness; oh! slight not this day of his tender visitation, who would have gathered your fore-fathers who perished in their disobedience; the like destruction wil come upon you, if you go on in rebellion against him: Oh! whilest he knocks at the doors of your hard hearts, with speed open unto him, and receive him who is the Mediator of the New-Covenant with God, that in this your day and time you may know the things that concern your peace before they be hid from your eyes, and your eye utterly darkened, never more to perceive, and so to perish and dye with the uncircumcised: Oh! bow down, hear and seas the living God who created all men, to the end he might be glorified in them, and take delight in the work of his own hand.

Tremble all you who live in pride, lust, wantonness and fullness, who eat and drink, and rise up to play; oh! you have forgot the Lord your Maker, you have greatly dishonored him, and have and do spend, waste and consume his good creatures upon your lusts, whereby you have greatly kindled the anger of the just God against you; you are like the fatted Bullock who is going to the slaughter, and knoweth not whither he is going; even so the day of the Lord (as travel upon a woman) will overtake you, and when you cry to your selves peace and safety, then destruction, wo and misery shall come rouling in upon you like the irresistible waves of the sea; Oh then shall your greatest joys be your greatest torments; the songs of your Temples turned into howlings, your laughter into weeping, and all the glory, pleasure, beauty, friendship that you have in the world, shall then depart from you: Alas, alas, what tongue can express the sorrow, wo, grief and pain that the wicked and ungodly must then partake

partake of, out of it then there will be no redemption; a fire shall be kindled in your lust, which will for ever burn, and none shall quench it, except you speedily and unfeignedly repent, and forsake all your evil wayes, which is the cause of Gods wrath against you; which never will depart from you, until you receive the only begotten Son of God, whom he hath freely given, to reconcile the World unto himself: And Friends all this know, that all they who are reconciled to God by Christ, do cease from sin, and can live no longer therein, nor have fellowship with them that live therein; and so Gods wrath comes thereby to be removed: and that is the way to Eternal Life and Peace. Oh *England, England*, (but especially the City of *Exon*) what Lamentation shall I take up? or how shall I bewail the Rulers, Governours, Judges, Magistrates, Bishops, Deans, Doctors, Chapters, Curates, Priests of all sorts, who professe your selves Christian Rulers, and Ministers of Justice; oh that ever you should be so far degenerated from the just Precept, and holly Ordinance of sound Judgment: Friends, the Ordinance of God I dearly own, and my soul is subject to it, as it is brought forth, and executed in the power of God, which is the highest power, which saith, do justly, and love mercy; passe Right and sound Judgment in every cause, without respect of persons, that your sword may be a terror to every evil work, to suppress and weaken vice, and the hand of every evil doer; and to encourage, and strengthen, and protect in peace all that do well; which we whom you persecute, and shamefully intreat, reproach, and scornfully call Quakers, do earnestly pray for, and greatly desire to see, the Rulers, Governours, Judges, and all Magistrates to come into, and be established in the highest power, that is, the Power of God, which was and is ordained to that end, for the punishment of evil doers, and not against the Righteous: and oh Friends, as you rule in this, you will honour the living God in your time, and be truly honourable in your Generation: then the Nations round about you will hear of your fame, and the Generations of the Righteous to come, will call you the blessed of the Lord: But oh alas, alas I may say, as the Prophet did, *True judgment is turned away backwards, and justice stands afar off; truth falleth in the streets, and equity cannot enter: And he that feareth God, and departeth from iniquity,*

iniquity, is become a prey, to the men of this Generation, and are afflicted, persecuted and imprisoned.

Come Bishops, Deans, Doctors, Chapters, Curates, Priests of all sorts, who have long said, you are Ministers of Christ, Ministers of the Gospel; come forth, and prove your Call and practice by your Life and conversations, to concur and agree with the Life, Doctrine, and practice of Jesus Christ, and his Ministers; for the day is come, *that the day star is arisen*, and the glorious Light shineth out of the darknesse, which gives us who are raised in it, a true and a right discerning, whereby we are come to try your spirits, and have found it to be the spirit of Antichrist, and false Prophet in the sheeps cloathing, but in the woolvish nature, making havock of the Flock of Christ, and are this day found to have a hand in the persecution of the people of the Living God, whom you scornfully call Quakers, by stirring up the Magistrates, and incensing the Rulers against us, by many false Acculations, as your Fore-fathers (the Chief Priests) did against the just one, Jesus Christ, and his Apostles, and faithfull Servants.

Come, where received you this Gospel, who preach up blood, strife, banishment, and persecution? this doth not concur, nor agree with the Gospel, and Doctrine, and practice of Christ, and his Disciples, whose Gospel and Doctrine, practice, and good Examples, brought, and wrought in the true Christians, in the Primitive dayes, as it doth now amongst us who are in the same faith, and worship in the same way, Glory to God, peace on earth, and good will to all men, which is the fruit and mark of a true Christian. Come let us reason a little together in this particular, whether you could willingly receive such measure of cruelty from us, or any other in Authority, to shed your blood, be banish'd, shut up in close Prisons, spoiling of goods, not suffering your Friends to come to visit you, but whip, keep upon guard, retain in prison, them, for so doing; Surely Christ never taught you this thing; but this is the Doctrine of the Devil, who is come in great rage, to destroy the workmanship of God, that the spiritual wickednesse may reign, without controule; neither is it agreeable with the Life, Doctrine, and Discipline of the Apostles, whose weapons were not carnal, but spiritual, and

mighty through God, to the breaking down of the strong holds, and wrestled not with flesh and blood. neither went about to destroy the Creatures, neither compelled any by force to hear their Gospel; but in all Godliness, gentleness, and meekness of spirit, wrestled with the spiritual wickedness, which hath, and doth make the separation between God and the Creature.

And Friends, think not in your mindes to bring us; whom the Lord God by his power hath redeemed, and gathered out of your formal, dead, will-worships, by the strength, force, and cruelty, by your carnal weapons, swords, guns, clubs, whips, stocks, and stones, Banishment, nay verily, we can rather give up our lives until we see a thorow Reformation, and Conversion, wrought by the power of God in you, and separated from all your abomination; and the fruits of Christ, and his holy Apostles, brought forth in you all; and verily, verily you can no more bring us back to your dead Worship again; you may as well stop the Sun in his line, or keep back the Waves of the Sea in its course, as bring us, which you scornfully call Quakers, into Bondage again, who are raised up in the knowledge of the living God, his holy wayes and worship, which is in his own Spirit and Truth, which makes free from sin and death: we can no longer go with you, to seek the Living amongst the dead, which you are all in, who do not believe in, and follow the the Light of Jesus Christ, and know not what spirit you are of, though you professe your selves Christian Rulers, Christian Ministers, and Christian People, and say, If you had been in the dayes of Christ, and his Apostles, you would not have crucified Christ, and persecuted his holy Apostles, and shamefully intreated the true Christians: Oh Friends, seriously consider, whether you are not doing the very same thing to us, who are members of Christ; you are at this day shedding our blood, whipping, stocking, stoneing, scourging in your Synagogues, haling before Magistrates, casting into Prisons, not suffering our Friends freely to come unto us, but we are retained in prison; and one Woman was whipt for coming to visit us, whereof this City of *Exon* in the County of *Devon*, may witness: Oh heare, and be instructed all you Rulers, Judges, Governours, and Magistrates, Bishops, Deans, Doctors, Chapters,

Chapters, Priests, and all People; but especially the Rulers, Bishop, and Inhabitants of the City of *Exon*, in fear and with understanding read *Matth. 25*. Oh what will you do in that day, when the King of Heaven and Earth shall sit upon his Throne of Glory, who will make a separation between the blessed and the cursed, and will say to the cursed on his left hand, *I was hungry and ye gave me no meat, thirsty, and ye gave me no drink, naked, and ye clothed me not, a stranger, and ye took me not in, sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not; therefore, depart ye, cursed, into everlasting punishment, prepared for the Devil and his Angels.* Oh Friends, betime, before your day is over, and visitation past away, put a stop to your cruel Persecution, least you bring all the blood of the righteous, from righteous *Abel* to this present day, upon your heads; the cry thereof will remain unto the third and fourth Generation. Oh sit down and consider, the blood-thirsty shall not escape the just judgment of the Lord, neither the wicked Persecutors shall live out half their dayes: remember the *Sodomites*, *Pharaoh*, and the rest of the Persecutors of old, whom the Lord God destroyed by his Eternal power, which will assuredly overtake you, except you repent: and take counsel of his Son, who saith, *Touch not mine anointed, nor do my Prophets no wrong; he is the Fountain of all Wildome; he is our wonderfull Counsellor, and the author and finisher of our Faith,* in which we have and shall overcome the World, and outlive all our Persecutors; not by carnal weapons, sword, spear, nor bow, nor strength by hoste of men, or arm of flesh, but by our keeping the Word of God, the sword of the spirit, the armour of Light, and the testimony of *Iesus Christ*, and in his faith and patience, we have and shall suffer, and bear all things for his names sake, till he shall arise, upon whom is laid, for us to plead our innocent cause: then shall all our Enemies and Persecutors be ashamed, and condemned, be driven backwards, and fall into the pit, which they have digged for the innocent: Oh, while you have time, reform your ways, and glorifie God, by bringing forth of fruit by a holy life; or else he will be glorified in your destruction: Oh consider what you are a doing; oh when will you sit down and remember your latter end, while the Spirit of the Living God strives with you! oh rebel no longer against it, lest you perish in your gain saying; oh arise, arise you

that are asleep in the dust of the earth; this is not your rest, because it is polluted: Oh the day of account draws near, when the Lord God will plead with all flesh; by his sword, and with fire, which proceeds out of his mouth, by which he will slay his enemies in the valley of slaughter, and the slain of the Lord shall be many: Oh then the Glory, the pleasure, the beauty, friendship, and riches, and delights of this World shall soon come to an end, and shall be no more; and this is the word of Truth; an account must you all give unto the impartial just God, when the ancient of dayes shall sit and judge, from whose face the heavens and the earth shall fly away, and all the wicked and ungodly shall be as a rolling thing before a fierce whirlwinde, or as stubble fully dry for the unquenchable fire, who will then without respect of persons, title, or name of greatnesse in the earth, judge and reward every one according to their works; then the righteousnesse of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickednesse of the wicked shall be upon him, and the soul that sinneth shall surely dye: Therefore yet while you have the time, prize it, and return to the Light of Christ, which is the new and the living way, that your soules may live in rest and peace, (which is the desire of my heart) when this World shall be no more: And this to you all, in the motion of Gods Spirit, and in bowels of tender love to your soules, is written, one warning more, before the Decree of the Lord God is sealed against you, when time shall be no longer.

From a Servant of the Lord, and a faithfull follower of the Lamb, in the tribulations; and who prays for good to his Governours, and Government, and a real Friend to Justice, who now suffers in outward bonds for the Testimony of Jesus Christ, and the Word of God, in the high Court at Exeter known to you by the name of

The 19th of the 9th Month. 1662.

CHRISTOPHER BACON.

But I have a new Name, for which you persecute me.

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